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### COMMUNIQUE

Luxembourg, February 11: After examining the request of the coal mining companies of the Ruhr coal field for authorization of agreements concerning changes in the Ruhr-coal-selling agencies, the High Authority has decided that these agreements cannot be authorized under article 65, § 2 of the **ECSC Treaty**.

In view of the change in the position of coal in the fuel and power market, the High Authority considers it undesirable, however, that the present selling organizations of the Ruhr coal mines should disappear without replacement. The High Authority will therefore examine which of the institutions of the mining companies - if necessary with a time limit - appear to be capable of resolving the structural crisis and may be authorized in accordance with the aims and provisions of the ECSC Treaty. For these reasons the High Authority will contact the Federal German Government and the interested parties as soon as possible.

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